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AMENDMENT

This Amendment with Remarks is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2008, having a period for response set to expire on December 22, 2008. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.